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SUBJECT: EXTENSION OF TERM OF OFFICE OF YUGOSLAV AND

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11. The Security Council on July 7 adopted (15-0-0) two resolutions (1877 and 1878) to authorize the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY) and the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR) to extend the terms of some of their permanent judges until 2010. Resolution 1877 also authorizes the ICTY to raise the number of ad litem judges above the limit of 12 to 13 at any one time and returning to a maximum of 12 by 31 December 2009. Resolution 1878 also authorizes the ICTR to allow two of its judges to work part time.

12. As instructed in reftel, USUN joined in the consensus adoption of the resolutions. No delegations spoke. The issues contained in both resolutions will now be considered by the General Assembly. Consistent with instructions, USUN plans to support adoption by the Assembly.